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SUBJ: HEXACHLOROBENZENE CONTAMINATION OF TURKISH BREAD,
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1. IN 1955, SEED GRAIN CONTAINING HEXACHLOROBENZE WAS IMPORTED INTO TURKEY. ALTHOUGH THIS CHEMICAL HARMLESS WHEN USED ON SEED, SOME OF THE GRAIN WAS DIVERTED INTO BREAD, CAUSING ILL EFFECTS ON CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF CONSUMERS.

2. EPA NEEDS INFORMATION ON URGENT BASIS RE THESE ADVERSE EFFECTS OCCURRING IN 1955-59. REQUEST EMBASSY INQUIRE AT APPROPRIATE GOT MINISTRIES REGARDING ITS RECORDS OF THIS INCIDENT. SPECIFICALLY, WHERE DID SEED GRAIN COME FROM WERE THERE ANY DEATHS? IS THERE ANY INFORMATION OR FOLLOWUP STUDIES OF AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS AFTER 1959? PLEASE REPLY ASAP. RUSH

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